

## PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality is inviting public comment on the submission of an administrative request to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to exclude certain ambient air monitoring data from regulatory review.
- 2) Certain PM10 and PM2.5 ambient air monitoring data from 2008 and 2009 was flagged for exclusion because their values were unduly affected (i.e. increased) due to the smoke from wildfires in 2008 and 2009. The "Exceptional Events" document contains information regarding the monitoring data "flagged" for exclusion. After review, EPA may exclude the flagged data for purposes of air quality planning and regulation.
- 3) The Department will accept public comment regarding the submission for 30 days. The public comment period begins on July 7, 2011 and ends on August 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Interested persons may view the 2008 and 2009 Exception Events Request Package on the Department's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/pubcom.mcpv> or may call the Department at 406-444-7916 to have a copy made available for their inspection.
- 5) The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons needing accommodation must contact Oline Barta to advise of the nature of the accommodation you need. Please contact Ms. Barta at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-0524; fax (406) 444-1499; or email "obarta@mt.gov."
- 6) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by
  - addressing them to Oline Barta, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901;
  - faxing them to (406) 444-1499; or
  - sending them via email addressed to "obarta@mt.gov."To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before 5:00 p.m., August 8, 2011.